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REMARKS

Claims 12 and 20 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Applicants have canceled claims 1, 4-7, 9-11, 14, and 16-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 12 and 20 are allowed. While Applicants maintain that all of claims 1, 4-7, 9-12, 14, and 16-20 are allowable, merely in an effort to speed prosecution and to place the application in condition for immediate allowance, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 4-7, 9-11, 14, and 16-19.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 12 and 20, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, Applicants requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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